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My dear Gray

Yours of the 29th June which reached Kea after I had left town was forwarded to me here where we have been on a visit to an old friend. It was a long time since I had heard from you direct but I had seen from time to time your letters to Hooker and was much pleased with the prospect of having you and W^m Gray at Kea in the autumn - I only regret that you will not be here in time for the Norwich meeting - We shall shortly return to town for a few days on our way to Norwich where we shall stay the time of the meeting with W^m Lindley (Lindley's widow) who is very comfortable

settled there

With regard to Genera Plantarum I am afraid I put you over too many copies - If you conveniently can it might perhaps be better to bring with you any unsold ones and we would of course take them back.

I have given directions at the American Society to retain till you come your copies of any number of the Journal that may be published - but we got through so many in the spring that I think there will probably be no more before your arrival.

You received I suppose a copy of my address I sent you - I doubted whether I should send it as scarcely worth the paper - but as I had sent the previous one I thought this might as well go also. I get more and more puzzled every year how to make up these addresses.

Hooker will have given you all the

botanical news stirring - I have been all the winter absorbed in the 4th set of my contribution Flora which I am sorry to say is not finished yet - three parts are however in type and a few weeks work on my return home in September will finish I hope the MSS. I purpose then if I retain my health to send Compositae for Genera Plantarum

Ever yours most sincerely

George Bentham